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THE VERMONT SOLDIERS

It is a good thing sometimes to go away from home to get the news. The young men of the Vermont National guard have sometimes been criticised but when the test came and they were called out for actual service they went bravely and promptly and have earned credit for themselves and honor for their state. The Eagle Pass Herald of last Thursday has the following to say about the Vermont regiment.

"The Vermont regiment is due to leave for their home State tomorrow or next day. Eagle Pass regrets to see them go. Col. Reeves and his regiment have made an enviable record and leave many friends in Eagle Pass."

"The men have been busy soldiering and making the best of conditions from the day they landed here, and their camp was turned from a rocky hill into one of the most convenient at Eagle Pass, and the conveniences secured by co-operation and united effort have been remarkable."

"Yes, we regret to see them go, because they made good and were the real goods. When they get back home and are mustered out and again resume their places in private life we trust it will be final and that their services will not be needed again, but if perchance there should be a second call and order be to report at Eagle Pass they will find a most hearty welcome."

Merle McAllister, who has been editor of the Advance, the state weekly published at Burlington, is reported to have bought a controlling interest in the paper. Mr. McAllister is a capable young man and the editorial columns of the Advance under his management have been clean, forceful and interesting. The Banner hopes that Mr. McAllister will be a permanent asset of Vermont Journalism, but we have a suspicion that about the most difficult job in newspaperdom is to run a state weekly in Vermont. It has been tried many times in past years and has always failed.

until tomorrow that insurance which can and should be done today. Insurance while insurable. National Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual). Earle S. Kinney, General Agent, Mend Building, Rutland, Vermont. Adv.

NOTICE:

To the Tax Payers of the Bennington Graded School District:

A Rate Bill has been placed in my hands for collection as follows:

95 cents on the dollar on the Grand List of 1916.

I hereby demand payment of said taxes, and notify you that I will at ten at the Bennington County Savings Bank from 9 o'clock a. m. until 4 o'clock p. m.

There will be a discount of 4 per cent on above tax if paid within 90 days.

C. H. Dewey, Treasurer, Bennington, Vt., July 15, 1916

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Lord Nelson was killed by a musket ball fired from the crescent of his French antagonist. Because of this fighting tops came into existence and, being developed to keep pace with other parts of naval construction, continue to be a traditional feature of the world's navies.

A century ago, when fighting men—musclemen, boarding parties, gun crews—crowded the upper decks of a warship, a sharpshooter posted aloft picked off many a man. But a big battleship in action today shows not a mark to the man in the fighting top.

In the days when it still remained possible for battalions of armed men to swarm up the sides and board a fighting ship plunging shots were dropped from the fighting top. But with great steel walls overhanging the waves and never an accommodation ladder swung out for their welcome it is impossible for uninvited guests to set foot on the modern deck.

The captain of the fighting top is usually in control of flag, compass and heliograph signaling, leaving the wireless to an invisible operator interned somewhere in the ship's vitals. He is the sentry against still invisible craft and may enforce his orders by the rattle of a light gun's fire.

He has the outlook, reports and questions passing ships and has virtues as a detective against spies. His functions, however, are limited. He is not high enough placed to see the submarine creeping along a score of feet beneath the surface or to note its wake of broken water.

The fighting top is in big cruisers quite a massive affair and no longer the tiny breastwork behind which the picked riflemen of the ancient knelt. A duplicate set of range finders is usually kept there and used to check off the work of the experts in the fire control tower. There are light gun's flares and machine guns, possibly also a high angle gun or two for use against air craft.—Penthouse.

Original Home of Welshmen.

Jutland was probably the original home of our Kymric ancestors, as well as at a later period of some so called Saxon invaders. It was peopled in classical times by the Cimbric, identified by ethnologists with the Cymry, or modern Welshmen. The Germans magnanimously declined to annex Jutland with Schleswig-Holstein. It was then considered a worthless waste of moors, sand dunes and marshes. But the industrious Danes have transformed what one English traveler styled "a forsaken wilderness" into the most prosperous pastoral country of western Europe.—Westminster Gazette.

An Outrage.

When Major General Sir John McNell, 7, G., was badly wounded at Eschman in the Ashanti war he emerged from the bush exclaiming in angry and indignant tones as if some one had deeply insulted him. "An infernal scoundrel out there has shot me through the arm!"

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"I suffered from loss of appetite and was unable to eat anything when I got up in the morning. I would suffer from pains in my stomach all day, and did not have any ambition. I also suffered from catarrh very badly."

"I saw Tanlac advertised and decided to buy some of it. I have now taken three bottles and am feeling very much better in every way."

"I am now glad to recommend Tanlac and would advise anyone suffering as I did to try it."

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Mr. Jones' wife says that he is the most absentminded man in the world. She finds it necessary to look him over every morning before he leaves for his office lest he should appear there in his pajamas some day.

On the day that she entertained the members of her club Mrs. Jones took great pains to caution her husband not to forget to purchase the bridge favors.

"Now," she said in the morning as he was about to leave for the day, "do please try and remember to go to the store next door to your office and get twenty-five of the handiest favors in the store and send them up to the house with a boy this afternoon."

Jones promised faithfully to remember and promptly forgot all about the matter until he reached the office. Then his eyes lighted on the string his wife had tied about his finger.

"Great Scott," he cried, "those favors!"

Half an hour later as he was opening his mail he came across a letter from his wife.

"Don't forget those favors," it read, "and be sure to pay for them."

"Ifn, that's right," muttered Jones abstractedly. "I did nearly forget them."

Shortly after receiving the letter his wife called him up on the telephone.

"Have you bought those favors?" she inquired.

"By Jove," answered the husband, "I did almost forget them!"

At noon he left the office to be gone the remainder of the day. At 6 o'clock he walked up the steps of his home street, but haply in the confusion of his day's work was over.

At the door of the house his wife met him from plainly without a word.

"Pretched man!" she cried.

"Jones recovered her in amazement for a moment. Then as a fat thought pierced his mind."

"Why," he exclaimed, "I didn't forget those favors after all, did I?"

"No," he replied, "but three times this afternoon you sent a boy here with twenty-five of them each time!"—New York Times.

Hardly Over Aligned.

The girl was attempting to dance with a fat man who couldn't. The fat man was a great bungler, and he knew it. He smiled as they bobbed about.

"It's awfully kind of you to dance with me—me, the stout dancer in the room!"

Then he trod on her foot for the sixth time, and the girl replied:

"Oh, how can you say so? Why, you hardly seem to touch the floor!"

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